

Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH SEPTEMBER, 2001

WHEREAS, Substance abuse is a major public health problem that affects millions of Americans of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds and in all communities and which has a huge medial, social, and economic cost; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of health care providers have dedicated their lives to the recovery process and to the education of the public about alcoholism, drug dependence and treatment issues; and

WHEREAS, The acknowledgment of September 2001 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Maryland offers advocates of substance abuse treatment an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the effectiveness of treatment, both societal and financial; and

WHEREAS, The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene joins with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment in promoting this year's national theme: "We Recover Together: Family, Friends, and Community" to support men, women, and youth who are in drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PARRIS N. GLENDENING, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim September, 2001 as NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION

RECOVERY MONTH in Maryland, and do this also day of September commend this observance to all of our citizens. Showard and one

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